

AMENDMENT

Please amend claims 1, 18 and 20 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A hand held mobile device, the mobile device comprising:
 - a housing;
 - a user programmable processor within the housing;
 - a display operatively coupled to the processor, the display being controlled by the processor to display a plurality of functions relating to operation of the mobile device;
 - a thumb wheel extending from the housing, the thumb wheel including: a wheel portion rotatable about an axis, the wheel portion being selectively rotatable about the axis to facilitate a user selecting at least one function from the plurality of functions displayed on the display, the wheel portion being transaxially moveable and wherein transaxial movement of the wheel portion initiates selection of the at least one function; and
 - a control circuit operatively coupled to the thumb wheel, wherein the control circuit provides at least one signal to the processor in response to movement of the wheel portion, the processor executing a predetermined routine corresponding to the at least one signal.

18. (Twice Amended) A mobile device, comprising:
 - a housing;
 - a user programmable processor within the housing, wherein the processor can receive, store and execute programs input thereto by the user;
 - a display coupled to the housing for displaying a plurality of programs executable by the mobile device; and
 - a thumb wheel received within the housing, the thumb wheel being employable to select at least one function among the plurality of functions displayed on the display, the thumb wheel including a wheel portion, an encoding device and a control circuit, wherein: the wheel portion is rotatable about an axis and transaxially moveable.

wherein transaxial movement of the wheel portion initiates selection of the at least one function;

the encoding device produces at least one signal indicative of movement of the wheel portion; and

the control circuit is coupled to the encoding device for receiving the at least one signal from the encoding device and outputting a signal to the processor in response thereto, wherein

the processor performs a particular routine among a plurality of routines executable by the processor in response to the signal output by the control device.

20. (Twice Amended) A hand held mobile device, the mobile device comprising:
a portable housing;
a user programmable processor within the housing;
a display for displaying a plurality of functions executable by the mobile device;
a thumb wheel extending from the housing, the thumb wheel facilitating selection of at least one function of the plurality of functions displayed on the display, the thumb wheel including:

a wheel portion rotatable around an axis and transaxially moveable,
wherein transaxial movement of the wheel portion initiates selection of the at least one function; and

a control circuit operatively coupled to the thumb wheel, wherein the control circuit provides a particular signal to the processor in response to a particular movement of the wheel portion, the processor executing a predetermined routine corresponding to the particular signal.

Please cancel claims 4, 6, 19, 21 and 22 without prejudice or disclaimer.